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## **MEETING MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING**

**Date:** March 20, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Nancy Sousa

**Minutes approved on:** May 1, 2012

**Interpreters:** Jon Henry and Maureen McEntee

**Cart:** Shelley Deming

**RIDE:**

**Attorney:** Sara Rapport

### **Call to Order**

- a. Chairperson Travis Zellner called the meeting of the RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the RI School for the Deaf.

### **Roll Call of Board of Trustees**

- b. **In Attendance:** Marie Lynch, Amy D Roche, Jodi Merryman, Harvey Corson.  
**Excused:** Angelo Garcia, Westley Resendes

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

- **Reform/SIG Plan: Power Point presentation – Mary Pendergast and Joe Fischgrund**

**Mary Pendergast (MP):** noted that all feedback was incorporated into the plan; there were no significant changes; making two binders available for board to review; copy of Budget in packet and worksheet for student achievement; grateful for input on inconsistencies; changes made for K through 6.

**Joe Fischgrund (JF):** PK will go thru assessment within 30 days of enrollment. Discussed difference in Deaf or deaf – D = culturally deaf; d = medical diagnosis of deafness.

**MP:** clarify – study halls eliminated for ELA and math; aligned sections with RIDE Title sections; there are redundancies in Reform plan app and SIG plan – questions answered same in both apps.

**Member:** note on pages 1, 9 and 10 – “score” should be “rating” re: sign language proficiency

interviews.

**JF:** identified math curriculum for middle and high school; visual phonics training – all from LeClerc Center because federally funded; Kathy Veezie coordinating all in-service training. Budget was slightly revised; shifted some things.

**MP:** we have some of the money; attention to Title 1 – school-wide checklist to determine all components included in this plan; will walk through it at next meeting; power lies with the Board to review and approve; time to submit has been extended but will submit on Friday, if you approve.

**JF:** great working with all of you; appreciate the time, especially Marie Lynch who spent hours with us on Monday to be sure everything is in there; we will do PD in a cost-effective manner. Teacher feedback=ready to move forward. Thanks all in the office for their help with project.

**Chair:** since PLA, we have been going through a lot; this turned out to be a good plan. It's not over yet, but, after we present plan, it needs to be approved within 7 days; revisions will be done by Leadership Team. Two copies will be printed out, Board will sign one. We will send letter out to community and parents (and on Web for easy access) after plan is presented and approved by RIDE. Shall we take a formal vote or approve by consensus?

**All:** Prefer consensus, especially since Angelo and Westley are not here.

**Chair: Board of Trustees for RI School for the Deaf is unanimously in consensus to approve Reform Plan and SIG application that includes Budget; with the understanding that there will be continued modifications until submitted to RIDE on 3/23/12.**

**Mary Pendergast/Joe Fischgrund:** On to the next phase.

**Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) – to discuss**

**RISD Director Vacancy**

**Collective Bargaining-Teachers Contract and Local 2012 (AFT)**

**Chair:** Harvey Corson will rescue himself from discussing and voting on this agenda item - left room at 7:09pm.

- a. **MOVED Any Donnelly-Roche AND SECONDED Jodi Merryman:** That the Board would adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) and (2) at 7:10 p.m.. Approved unanimously.
- b. **MOVED Jodi Merryman AND SECONDED Marie Lynch:** That the Board would return to Open Session at 7:55 p.m. Approved unanimously.
- c. **MOVED Jodi Merryman AND SECONDED Amy Donnelly-Roche:** That the Board would seal the minutes of Executive Session. Approved unanimously.

Motions from Executive Session: None

Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.